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MASS RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether metro rail/sub-urban rail is covered under the Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) scheme of Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to encourage metro rail/sub-urban rail in place of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT(SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a)&(b): Projects pertaining to the following are admissible under the sub-mission on Urban Infrastructure & Governance (UIG):-

(i) Urban Transport,including roads, highways/expressways/MRTS/metro projects.

(ii) Parking lots/spaces on Public Private Partnership basis.
The Government would assign higher priority in sanctioning projects of urban renewal, water supply including sanitation, sewerage, solid waste management, drainage, urban transport including roads.

(c)&(d): The choice of a technology for public transport depends upon various factors such as the urban form, terrain, availability of waterways, level of demand, direction and extent of sprawl, projections for future growth, extent of population density, construction cost, O&M costs involved, impact on cities` aesthetics etc. As such, as envisaged in National Urban Transport Policy, the Central Government would encourage all proven technologies and not promote any specific technology.